

## Arizona Department of Education Office of English Language Acquisition Services

January 21, 2014

Dear School District and Charter School Superintendents and Title III Contacts:

## Re: Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO) Determination

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, Title III, Section 3122 (a) (1), (2), (3) requires that each Local Educational Agency (LEA) receiving Title III funding be held accountable for meeting the Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs) under subsection (a).

The Office of English Language Acquisition Services (OELAS) of the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) has monitored the progress of your Local Educational Agency (LEA) toward meeting the AMAOs for English language learners.

This monitoring has resulted in the following determination for your LEA:

## This is formal notification that your LEA

has not met all Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives for School Year 2012-2013.

Your LEA received an LEA Improvement Status of Corrective Action II.

You may view the data that was used to calculate your AMAO Determination on the ADE Common Logon under the OELAS Link. From there, click on AMAO District Determination; Click on AMAO District Determinations; Choose Year 2013; and then click on the "Details" Link of your LEA.

LEAs not meeting AMAOs for four or more consecutive years must submit an improvement plan to the ADE via the Common Logon. A template is attached and may also be found under the monitoring tab in the Arizona LEA Tracker (ALEAT). Select the "2013-2014 Title III Improvement Plan - CA" Monitoring Instrument, expand the Title III category, and click on the "Title III Improvement Plan - CA" link. The template is located under the resources tab. Plans must be uploaded to the "2013-2014 Title III Improvement Plan - CA" Monitoring Instrument no later than March 14, 2014.

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If you have any questions regarding ALEAT, please contact Keith Snyder by email at Keith.Snyder@azed.gov or by phone at 602-364-2167.

To ensure accuracy of data, the ADE highly recommends that you take great care in reviewing student level ELL data that is submitted by your LEA to the Arizona Department of Education's Student Accountability Information System (SAIS).

Please note that LEAs are responsible for entering students into ELL programs as well as exiting students from ELL programs. Pearson submits all assessment data to ADE directly.

In NCLB, under Title III, LEAs that have failed to make progress on the AMAOs, are required to separately inform parent(s) of students participating in these programs of the failure no later than 30 days after the failure occurs. The LEA must provide the parent(s) this information in an understandable format and in a language the parent(s) can understand.

To view the complete "FY 2013 Title III AMAO Determinations" LEA List, go to:

http://www.azed.gov/english-language-learners/files/2014/01/fy-2013-title-iii-amao-determinations.pdf

For questions regarding the AMAO determinations, please contact Jennifer Marmo by email at <u>Jen.Marmo@azed.gov</u> or by phone at 602-542-4265 or Micky Gutier by email at <u>Micky.Gutier@azed.gov</u> or by phone at 602-542-7469.

Sincerely,

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